

EUPITHECIA TENUIATA HUBN. (SLENDER PUG) IN INVERNESS-SHIRE — Two females of this species were taken in the Rothamsted Insect Survey light trap at Fort Augustus, Inverness, (Site No. 49, O.S. ref. NH 366 092) during the period 23/25-viii-1985. Their identities were confirmed by examination of the genitalia. So far as I am aware this species has not previously been recorded from Inverness-shire.

Thanks are extended to Mr. N. Mackell who operates the trap at Fort Augustus and to Mr. B. Skinner for his comments on the distribution of this species. — ADRIAN M. RILEY, Entomology Department, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts.

BLAIR'S SHOULDER-KNOT (LITHOPHANE LEAUTIERI HESPERICA BOURS) IN NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE — At 11.50 p.m. on October 14th 1985 a male specimen of this moth came to my garden m.v. trap at Blackwell near Bromsgrove (O.S. ref SO 995 724). This is the first record of this species for my district. Hopefully, the numerous *Cupressus* trees in the area will soon support a resident population of this species. The only other record of interest from my garden this year was a female specimen of the bordered straw (*Heliothis peltigera* D. & S.) taken on the night of July 1st. This is the second record of this species for my garden. The specimen was a fertile female, and although I obtained numerous larvae, I failed to produce any further adult moths! Perhaps larvae of this species should not be kept indoors, but allowed to enjoy the benefits of sunshine on growing foodplants outdoors. The larvae fed readily on the flowers, stems and leaves of garden pot marigolds (*Calendula* sp.) — M. D. BRYAN, Keeper of Natural History, Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery.

[An interesting account of the problems associated with rearing *peltigera* is given by Colin Pratt, *Ent. Rec.* 93: 137-141 — P.A.S.]

MIGRANT RECORDS FOR 1985. — There may be nights where negative collecting results are as intriguing in the records of insect movement as actual sightings. One such instance is described here.

Several trips to Dungeness, Kent, during the autumn of 1985 produced some interesting migrant moths. The first records are for 26/27th September, when in the company of Bernard Skinner, one *Heliothis peltigera* D. & S. (The bordered straw) and two *Rhodometra sacraria* Linn. (The vestal), one at light and one at rest on grasses, were noted. I returned to Dungeness on the night of 5/6th October and operated m.v. lights in the same area. At about 10pm, a specimen of *Trigonophora flammea* Esp. (The flame brocade) arrived at light. (This appears to be the first confirmed record for this species from Kent). Later, two specimens of *Euchromius ocella* (Haworth) and one *Spodoptera exigua* Hb. arrived at light.